

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	68507	Agenda Number	35.
Meeting Date:	March 23, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a 24-month contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program with ACCUDATA SYSTEMS, to provide Palo Alto Networks Security Platform products and software including maintenance and support, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$750,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 18 months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractor is one of the current providers for these goods and services.			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 27, 2017 – Unanimously recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with two vacancies.			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded by a cooperative agreement with the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) in accordance with Chapter 2054 of the Texas Government Code; therefore goals were not established.			

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of Palo Alto Network Next-Generation Security Platform hardware products and services including maintenance and support for Austin Energy. The contract will facilitate the upgrade, renewal and consolidation of Austin Energy's Palo Alto hardware product portfolio including related maintenance and support services, and the purchase of new technology hardware and related maintenance and support services on an as-needed basis.

Palo Alto hardware and associated software run and support key security infrastructures within the Austin Energy network. The contract will provide for the upgrade, renewal and consolidation of Palo Alto services in order to continue the safety and prevention of known and unknown threats across the network, cloud and endpoints. The integration of the platform delivers a prevention of architecture that provides superior security. In addition, Austin Energy is required under the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection regulations to provide firewalls that are application aware and/or provide intrusion prevention signatures. The Palo Alto Networks firewall currently provides the most suitable platform to meet this requirement.

The contract is new and represents a consolidation of purchases of these products and services into a single contract. The requested authorization amount is based on forecasted needs of the contract. Austin Energy's historical spend for these products and services has averaged approximately \$1,500,000 per year.